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A.—The report has been received and it shows that the answers to the previous question are as follows :—

- (a) the channel was designed to carry 268 cusecs—this at the duty of 100 acres which was then provisionally adopted would irrigate 26,800 acres; but later experience has shown that a duty of not more than 70 acres is all that can be expected; and the irrigable area is therefore 18,760 acres.
- (b) No.
- (c) About 18,000 acres.
- (d) No. During the enquiry by the localization officers, stray patches of irrigated land in the midst of dry lands were excluded, but the ryots affected were allowed to apply for irrigation elsewhere.
- (e) No.
- (f) No—the channel is being repaired whenever necessary.

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—“ With reference to the answer to clause (a) that the duty was reduced from 100 to 70 acres per cusec, may I know if the Government have considered the feasibility of increasing the capacity of the channel instead of reducing the ayacut of the channel ? ”

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—“ I must ask for notice of the question.”

* Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—“ With reference to the answer to clause (d), may I know whether the ryots whose lands have been excluded from the ayacut have complained against it and against taking lands elsewhere ? ”

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—“ I must ask for notice of this question, Sir ”

Silting up of the rivers in South Kanara.

* 834 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the rivers in South Kanara are being silted up; and

(b) what action the Government propose to take in the matter ?

A.—The Government have no particular information except as regards the Netravati, proposals for the draining of which are under consideration.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—“ May I know whether in view of the fact that the lands on either side of the rivers in South Kanara are becoming flooded more and more frequently year after year, the hon. the Law Member will be pleased to call for information on the matter ? ”

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—“ I am not aware of the fact that the rivers are being silted up.”